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1. FOLLOWING IS TEXT (EMBASSY TRANSLATION) OF SECTION OF
ANNUAL GOI REPORT ON FOREIGN AFFAIRS DEALING WITH DEFENSE AND
SECURITY MATTERS. REPORT WAS PRESENTED IN ALTHING MARCH 29.
BEGIN TEXT. OUR PARTICIPATION IN THE ATLANTIC ALLIANCE HAS
BEEN MAINTAINED IN THE USUAL MANNER. LAST MAY A MEETING OF
NATIONAL LEADERS WAS HELD IN LONDON. IT WAS DECIDED, IN
ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROPOSAL OF THE NEW US PRESIDENT THAT
PARTICULAR ATTENTION WOULD BE PAID TO EAST-WEST
COOPERATION AIMING AT FINDING WAYS TO IMPROVE RELATIONS AND
INCREASE COOPERATION AND THEREBY WORK TOWARD A CONTINUATION OF
DETENTE. ANOTHER MEETING OF THE HEADS OF GOVERNMENT WILL BE
HELD IN WASHINGTON MAY 30-31.

IMPLEMENTATION OF THE DEFENSE AGREEMENT BETWEEN
ICELAND AND THE US OF OCTOBER 22, 1974 HAS GONE ACCORD-
ING TO SCHEDULE. THERE HAS BEEN A REDUCTION OF 420
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MEMBERS OF THE DEFENSE FORCE AS HAD BEEN AGREED. CON-
STRUCTION OF THE CONTROL TOWER IS WELL UNDER WAY.
BECAUSE OF A NEW LANDING SYSTEM, TRAINING FOR AIR TRAFFIC
CONTROLLERS HAS BEEN PROVIDED IN THE UNITED STATES.
THE TRAINING TOOK LESS TIME THAN IS GENERALLY THE CASE
BECAUSE OF THE CAPABILITY OF THESE MEN AND THEIR GOOD
BASIC KNOWLEDGE.

DISCUSSIONS HAVE TAKEN PLACE BETWEEN REPRESENTATIVES OF THE U.S. AND ICELANDIC COAST GUARDS ON THE POSSIBILITY OF TRAINING ICELANDERS IN VARIOUS SCHOOLS IN THE U.S. PARTICULARLY WITH REGARD TO LIFESAVING.

THIS MONTH THE DEFENSE FORCE IS RECEIVING NEW JET INTERCEPTORS TO REPLACE OLDER ONES, AND LATER IN THE YEAR THE NEWEST AND MOST MODERN RADAR AIRCRAFT WILL COME TO ICELAND. IN BOTH CASES IT IS A MATTER OF NORMAL CHANGES BECAUSE OF THE OBSOLESCENCE OF EQUIPMENT AND TECHNOLOGICAL PROGRESS. END TEXT.

2. DATE FOR ALTHING DISCUSSION OF REPORT HAS NOT BEEN SET.

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